

AGREEMENT to Host 2018 Global Summit

The Asia-Pacific Quality Network (hereinafter referred to as “APQN”), represented for the purpose of signature of this Agreement on one part and National Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as BAN-PT), located at Jakarta Indonesia, represented for the purpose of signature of this Agreement on the other.

This agreement is signed between APQN and BAN-PT ensure the objectives, term and conditions of 2018 Global Summit, will be observed by both parties to this Agreement. The Preparation of 2018 Global Summit will commence on 27-29 August 2018.

Article 1: Background of Agreement

On September 16-17, 2016, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), a premier National Quality Assurance Agency in India, in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN), held “Global Summit on Quality Higher Education: Sharing Values and Fostering Trust beyond Borders” in Bengaluru in India with Dr. Jagannath Patil as convener of summit.

It was for the first time the key quality networks and agencies from Asia, Europe, America and Africa joined hands to be the partners of event and assembled on same platform. 120 delegates from India and abroad, over 20 foreign nationals representing global quality assurance bodies participated in the Global Summit focusing on Higher Education Quality Accreditation. The two-day Summit discussed and deliberated on some of the best practices, sharing information and resources in higher education quality assurance, exchange and promotion of good practices, serving global student community by facilitating student mobility, developing strategies for creating global resources inequality assurance, sharing and creating value through power of alliance and a host of other objectives and themes. “*Bengaluru Statement 2016 on Next-Generation Quality Assurance of Higher Education: A Shared Vision and Commitment for Fostering Partnership beyond Borders*” was the culmination of the global summit and is counted as the major landmark in the International history of higher education quality assurance.

On September 21 and 22, 2017, the second Global Summit was held by the Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT) in Chinese Taiwan and APQN, under the theme of “*Global Summit on Regional Cooperation and Harmonization: ASEAN Countries and East Asia in Quality Assurance of Higher Education*”. It was a great success by attracting more than 150 participants internationally and domestically. APQN decides to continue the initiative and hold it once every year.

Article 2: Purpose of Agreement

Based on “Higher Education Quality Assurance Principles for the Asia Pacific Region” (Chiba Principles)” and “*Bengaluru Statement*”, the purposes for holding Global Summit is “**Sharing Values and Fostering Trust beyond Borders**”, to strengthen collaboration and cooperation in quality assurance in the Asia Pacific region:

- To contribute to the establishment of **national, regional and international** alignment in quality assurance of higher education to dissolve boundaries for a quality region;
- To facilitate national, regional and international student and academic mobility and exchange,
- To strengthening QA **capacity building**, share global information resources for next generation quality assurance in age of technology and finally promote **quality culture**;
- To endeavor to foster **mutual trust, confidence and understanding** of higher education systems in the whole world, especially the Asia-Pacific Region;
- To promote “*Bengaluru Statement 2016 on Next-Generation Quality Assurance of Higher Education: A Shared Vision and Commitment for Fostering Partnership beyond Borders*”.

There shall be a program committee comprising nominees of APQN, Past Conveners and Host Organizations.

Article 3: Responsibilities of APQN

APQN is responsible for

- Supporting in announcing and popularizing the conference information to its members and mailing list subscribers and handling the online conference registration.
- Making 1 keynote speech to Global Summit and helping to identify other speakers.
- Publishing the reports in APQN News and in APQN website.
- Nominating up to 3 members in program committee for global summit (APQN President, Conveners of earlier global summits).

Article 4: Responsibilities of BAN-PT

BAN-PT is responsible for

- the theme, the time, the venue, the participants, and the finance
- Nominating other members of program committee
- Carrying forward dialogue and action on “*Bengaluru Statement 2016 on Next-Generation Quality Assurance of Higher Education: A Shared Vision and Commitment for Fostering Partnership beyond Borders*” and recommendation of subsequent global summits.
- Using logo and tag line of Global Summit as below:



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APQN and BAN-PT have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

Signed on behalf of APQN:

Signed on behalf of BAN-PT :

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Jakarta.
2 April 2018